MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): What are those grounds?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The grounds vary in each case.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): I would like to have an idea of one or two such grounds.

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The Member wants illustrative grounds? Act of God is one.

PRESIDENT: May I answer that question? Remissions are granted on grounds that the Government consider sufficient and reasonable.

Concession to the Avadhanials in respect of Salt due to Government.

69. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): (*a*) Is it a fact that the Government have granted remission to Messrs. Avadhanials in respect of the salt due to the Government for the years 1099 and 1100?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to extend the same concession to all the salt licensees, so that equal treatment may be meted out to all licensees?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) Messrs. Venkitanarayana Avadhanial and Gurunatha Avadhanial, two of the shareholders of the Avadhanials' Factory, have been granted remission of 12,000 and 25,000 maunds of salt for 1099 and 1100, respectively.

(*b*) Each case is dealt with on its merits and no remission is granted as a matter of course; nor do Government recognise that any one is entitled to what is a pure matter of grace.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): Two of the shareholders of the Avadhanials' Factory have been granted remissions of 12,000 and 25,000 maunds of salt for 1099 and 1100, respectively. May I know whether other shareholders of the same factory have applied for remission?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): No, so far as I remember.

Unlawful blocking up of the Watercourse near Manakkudi Lake.

70. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): (*a*) Are the Government aware of the fact that the three main salt factories on the western side of the Manakkudi lake were inundated in Vrischikam 1098, resulting in heavy loss on account of Mr. T. V. Krishna Aiyar's unlawful blocking up of the watercourse on the southern side of the factories?

(*b*) Have the Government taken any action in the matter of removing such unlawful blocking?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to direct the laying out of the channel in the original condition, in order to avoid further damages?

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MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*) :

(*a*) The damage caused to the factories at Tamaracolam during the floods of Vrischikam 1098, was not due to the diversion of the old fresh water channel by Mr. T. V. Krishna Aiyar, but to the unprecedented flood water which could not readily find its way to the sea through the main channel since it was narrowed by Messrs. Subrahmanya Karayalar's and Avadhanials' Factories.

(*b*) Mr. T. V. Krishna Aiyar did not block up the old watercourse on the southern side of the factories, but he diverted the watercourse a little further south.

(*c*) The matter is under consideration.

Special Loans granted to and through Co-operative Societies.

71. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*) : With reference to the special loans granted through Co-operative Societies, will the Government be pleased to give :

(*a*) the names of the several Co-operative Societies which had applied for loans ;

(*b*) the amount applied for by each ;

(*c*) the names of the Societies through which loans were granted ; and

(*d*) the amount granted through each ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*) :

(*a*) to (*d*) Statements containing the information required by the Member are available for perusal at the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council.

Distribution of Flood Relief Loans.

72. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the total amount of loans distributed by the Government through co-operative societies in connection with the recent floods, the names of such societies and the amount distributed through each ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*) : The Member is referred to the answer to question No. 71 by Mr. A. J. John.

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